

# Great career, right here.



**FREE  
COURSES**

Adults Training Catalogue

2025-26

# Make time for you...

Whether you're looking to go back into work, develop in your current role or start a new journey, you've come to the right place.

Take control of your future and build a great career right here in Calderdale. In this catalogue, you'll find a wide range of flexible training options, from full-time study and apprenticeships to short courses and degrees, all designed to help you aim higher and succeed.

Whether you're just starting out, returning to education or looking to progress in your current role, we've got you covered. Many of our courses are free and can be studied locally, with options available in the evenings and weekends to fit around your home life.

At Calderdale College, we believe your future should be within reach, and we're here to help you shape it. You'll benefit from personalised teaching, expert tutors and qualifications that give you the skills employers are looking for.

When you complete your course, you'll have the opportunity to progress to the next level of study or take your first steps into a new job. And every step of the way, we'll support you with advice, guidance and a learning experience tailored just for you.

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2025

**1 September 2025**

Start of term

**3 - 6 October 2025**

College closure days

**24 October 2025**

College closes for autumn half term

**3 November 2025**

College reopens

**19 December 2025**

College closes for Christmas

### Spring Term 2026

**5 January 2026**

College reopens

**13 February 2026**

College closed for spring half term

**23 February 2026**

College reopens

**27 March 2026**

College closes for Easter

### Summer Term 2026

**13 April 2026**

College reopens

**22 May 2026**

College closes for summer half term

**1 June 2026**

College reopens

**26 June 2026**

Classes finish

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## Looking to boost your career opportunities without the cost?

Many of our Level 3 qualifications are completely free through Free Courses for Jobs, and could be your next step towards job progression or a new career.

If you're unemployed, in work but earning under £25,000 or don't already hold a Level 3 qualification (equivalent to A Levels), you could be eligible for a fully-funded course. Our expert tutors will support you to build in-demand skills and take your next step with confidence.

## Want to fast-track your skills in a specific sector?

Skills Bootcamps are short, flexible training courses designed to help you upskill quickly, whether you're looking to progress in your current job or move into a new industry.

Delivered in partnership with local employers, our Skills Bootcamps focus on the skills most needed in Calderdale. That means you'll gain knowledge that's not only relevant, but current - helping you take your career to the next level while supporting the region's economy.

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## **Animal Care & GCSE Biology**

Since the Covid-19 pandemic, the Animal Care industry has been booming and the flexibility of working for yourself is enticing more and more into joining the sector.

Whether you're looking to start your journey in dog grooming, or develop specialist knowledge in caring for pets and animals, our Animal Care and GCSE Biology courses may be just what you need!

## **Construction**

Employees in the Construction sector are in the greatest demand and we have a range of courses across Joinery, Brickwork, Engineering, Electrical and Plumbing to help fill skills gaps and support you with gaining a high-paying career.

## **Digital**

The Digital sector continues to rapidly advance across all areas of the UK and the job market is experiencing significant growth. Undertaking a course in digital opens doors to lots of high-paying careers – perfect for those looking to develop in their role or start a new career!

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## Early Years

Start your journey into a rewarding career in Early Years. With our courses, you will gain specialist knowledge in the core principles of working with children and what it takes to support their development through some of the most important years of their lives.

## Finance, Leadership & Management

Looking to excel in your work? Our range of Finance, HR, Leadership and Management courses are designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge to progress in your career. These courses are delivered by industry experts with a wealth of knowledge in business.

## Health, Care & Sport

Want to work in this rewarding industry and support the health, wellbeing and fitness of others? Our courses can help you progress into careers within adult social care, or equip you with the specialist skills and knowledge to succeed in health and fitness roles.

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## Hair, Beauty & Hospitality

Our Hair, Beauty & Hospitality courses are great for those wanting to turn their passion into a career and gain a recognised qualification!

You can choose between a 3-month introduction to the subject or an indepth 1-year qualification, depending on your goals, and you'll master the skills of the trade and develop the wrap-around knowledge of working in a customer facing role.



Gain skills for employment



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## Maths, English & ESOL

Maths and English skills are vital in pretty much every aspect of your adult life. These are the essential qualifications that are required for most jobs and can also open up doors to a range of career opportunities.

During your enrolment, you will take part in an assessment and the tutor will guide you to the correct level of course for your ability and destination. We enrol students onto these courses throughout the year.

You can choose between Functional Skills or GCSE Maths & English qualifications, which are from 20 weeks for Functional Skills and 36 weeks for GCSEs.

We offer part-time, flexible English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) courses to suit all needs and abilities\* for those aged 19+. Learn how to speak, listen, read and write in English, and get yourself your dream job!

We run sessions across the week, with flexibility around school times. You will attend one session per week. Classes are part-time and often scheduled to work around your home-life.

\*Please note you will be assessed during enrolment by an ESOL tutor who will help you find an appropriate level and course.

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## Teacher Education

Thinking of pursuing a career in teaching? At our University Centre, we have the courses to support you in achieving your goal.

Our Teacher Education courses give you a recognised qualification in teaching across the post-secondary school sector (aged 16+), that will enable you to progress your career into further education colleges, sixth forms and private training providers. We also have a range of qualifications that will open doors into roles within SEND and assessing.

Invest in yourself - discover more about our qualifications and start your journey to the rewarding career you always wanted.



# Our Degrees

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Don't miss your chance to study in Calderdale's only University Centre, offering a range of degree qualifications to support you at any stage of the career ladder. From competitive fees, to making new friends, Calderdale College offers an affordable and enjoyable way to study for a degree on your doorstep.

Our courses are more flexible and convenient than studying at a traditional university, as all our degrees have a maximum of two study days each week at the College. Plus, based only 5-minutes from the centre of Halifax, our University Centre is within easy reach of the bus and train stations.

Our tutors have a wealth of industry experience to give you the most up-to-date knowledge and skills for your career. And with our courses benefiting from smaller class sizes, you'll receive academic support like nowhere else.

When you choose to study at our University Centre, there is a range of funding available to support you through your journey, including childcare grants, a Level 4 bursary of £500 and loans to help with living costs.

# Higher Apprenticeships

Calderdale College offers a variety of higher apprenticeships, providing students with a route to study for a degree while earning a wage. Apprenticeships are fully funded by either your employer or the Government, meaning you gain your qualification for free!

Higher apprenticeships are a route into employment where you'll study towards a recognised qualification, alongside working in a job. We deliver a wide range of apprenticeships in lots of different areas, including Digital, Health & Social Care and Leadership & Management.

These courses often take between two to four years to complete and include an End Point Assessment. You'll spend 20% of your apprenticeship doing off the job training, which will often take place at the College one day a week. Your dedicated Training & Development Officer will be your main point of contact for everything relating to your qualification.

# Access to HE

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If you would like to study a degree but left school without the grades you need, then an Access to HE course could be for you. Our Access qualifications are designed to give you the UCAS points so you can progress to a degree-level course after only one year of study.

We offer intensive courses for mature students to prepare them for study as an undergraduate, in sectors such as Health, Creative Industries, Social Sciences and Leadership & Management. And, if you go on to study a degree, the cost of your Access course will be written off!\*

Studying an Access course at our University Centre means you can work towards a recognised qualification right on your doorstep. Our flexible courses are part-time at around 12-hours per week, so you can study around your home life and commitments.

Plus, there's lots of support to help you along the way. When studying your course, you can access a range of funding to help with childcare and course-related costs. You'll also benefit from small class sizes and focused academic support from your tutors. Once you've completed your studies, you'll walk away with a Level 3 qualification and ready to embark on a degree.

\*Advanced Learner Loan available which is then written off after progressing to a higher level

# Courses in the community

We deliver a range of courses in and around our local community, supporting those that are unemployed to gain recognised qualifications and vital employability skills that are needed to secure roles in top industries.

The courses are aimed at developing skills, knowledge and confidence, to improve the mental wellbeing of anyone aged 19 and over at the start of the course.

These are part-time flexible sessions that work around home-life. They are often fully-funded through the Government and the duration of the courses can range from 1-20 weeks depending on the level and individual's ability. We have multiple start dates, meaning you can study more than one course throughout the year.

# Advice & support

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Here at Calderdale College, we offer a wide range of advice and guidance for students.

## Student finance

Aged 19 or over? Calderdale College has an extensive support package to allow us to assist our adult students with any financial needs they may have.

Our dedicated Student Services team will provide you with the essential help and advice on all money matters for studying at college. Our financial support can help with the cost of courses, course related equipment, childcare fees, trips and travel (dependent on individual circumstances).

### Financial help includes

- Bursaries – for general financial support, including a £500 Level 4 Bursary in your first year of a degree
- Advanced Learner Loans – for students studying a Level 3 or above
- Student Loans - to help cover the costs associated with Higher Education
- Care to Learn scheme – to support with childcare costs during your course

## Student Services Team

The Student Services team at Calderdale College offer a wide range of advice and guidance for students to help with:

- Finding education, training and progression opportunities that are appropriate for you and your personal circumstances
- Understanding employability skills and the labour market
- Signposting to other professional organisations
- Student financial support
- Careers advice
- Counselling

**To find out more about the support available, scan the QR code above to visit our website.**

# How to apply

## To submit an application:

- Visit our website at [calderdale.ac.uk](http://calderdale.ac.uk) and click '**Apply Now**' on the course page
- Call us on **01422 399 367**
- Email us at [admissions@calderdale.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@calderdale.ac.uk)

Once you have submitted an application, we will be in touch with you to discuss enrolment.



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